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KANSAS FOR TAFT UNANIMOUS VOTE IN CONVENTION

Four Delegates From State at
Large Instructed to Support
Him From First to Last.

First and Fourth Nebraska
Districts.

INSTRUCT FOR SECRETARY.

Topeka, Kan., March 5.—Kansas
Republicans in the state convention
here elected four delegates at large
to the Chicago convention instructed
to vote for the nomination of Taft
for president. The resolutions were
unanimously adopted amid much en-
thusiasm.

The resolutions also endorse the ad-
ministration of President Roosevelt,
and the Kansas delegation in con-
gress. Delegates to Chicago are: Sen-
ator Chester I. Long and Charles Cur-
tis; Robert McGonigle, of Colby, and
Grant Hornaday, of Fort Scott. David
R. Mulvane, of Topeka, was endorsed
for national committeeman.

Fourth Nebraska.

Wilbur, Neb., March 5.—The Fourth
district Republican congressional con-
vention here today endorsed Taft and
elected Samuel Rinkner and T. E.
Williams delegates to the national
convention.

First Nebraska District.

Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—The First
district Republican congressional con-
vention today named Senator B. J.
Burkett and J. H. Arends delegates to
the Republican convention and in-
structed for Taft.

Iowa for Taft.

Topeka, Kan., March 5.—When the
Republican convention met here to
name four delegates at large to Chi-
cago, United States Senators Chester
I. Long and Charles Curtis were
elected as two of the delegates.
While there was some question as to
who would be elected to the other
places, it was a foregone conclusion
that the four delegates would be in-
structed for Taft.

BASKET PLANT SALE

There were no bidders for the Mer-
genthaler-Horton basket plant, offered
for sale today by Receiver W. P.
Hummel, and the sale was postponed
until March 15.

Kuttawa Tobacco.

Luther Graham and a force of
laborers went to Kuttawa this morn-
ing to break and sample a large num-
ber of hogheads of association to-
bacco stored in his warehouse there,
that has been sold to buyers subject
to acceptance when sampled. Everett
Ware, the official inspector, will in-
spect the tobacco.

Anti-Saloon League.

Tomorrow evening the McCracken
County Anti-Saloon League will hold
its regular weekly session at the First
Baptist church. The date for the
election may be decided on and it is
possible that the day will be in June.
The report of the canvassers will be
made this week. The league is wait-
ing to see what action will be taken
on the county unit by the senate.

E. RUSSELL PALMER PASSES EXAM. FOR RHODES' HONORS

E. Russell Palmer, the nineteen-
year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl
Palmer, of this city, and a sophomore
at Dartmouth college, has successfully
passed the Rhodes scholarship exam-
ination, and will compete with five
other Kentucky boys for one of the
two scholarships to which this state is
entitled. The scholarships, two from
each state in the Union, provided by
the late Cecil Rhodes, cover the
expenses and the free tuition of the
students at Oxford, England. Young
Mr. Palmer was graduated from Chi-
cago university preparatory school
two years ago, and besides being one
of the high merit students of Dart-
mouth, is an athlete. While prepar-
ing for college examinations before
the holidays, he reviewed several hun-
dred pages of Latin and Greek and
took the Rhodes examination at Con-
cord, N. H., a fact of which his par-
ents were not aware at the time.

Alleged Night Riders Are Sued For One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Federal Court By Their Victims.

Robert H. Hallowell and Wife,
Driven Out of Caldwell Coun-
ty. Seeking Redress by
Law.

Alleged night riders of Caldwell
and Trigg counties have been sued in
the federal court here for \$100,000
by Robert H. and Mary Hallowell, of
Vandergriff county, Ind., who declare
they were whipped and shot and driv-
en from the state by the defendants
and others unknown, to prevent their
testifying in the courts of Caldwell
county against the defendants.

The names of the defendants, who
are being served with subpoenas by
Elwood Neel, deputy United States
marshal, are John E. Hallowell, J. W.
Hallowell, Lala Hallowell, Wallace
Oliver, Firm Oliver, Milt Oliver, Jos.
Murphy, John Turner, William Tur-
ner, William Larkin, Sid Smith, Odis
Smith, James Hyde, Malachi Pick-
ering, Buck Lacey, Urey Lacey, Lucian
McKinney, B. Malone, Marion Brown,
Edgar Oliver, Sparlin Murphy, Wm.
Murphy, Richard Pool, James Cham-
bers, Jack Chambers, Joseph Cantrell,
John Gray, William Tandy and Ed
Brown.

The alleged outrage was fully
reported in The Sun at the time it
took place, May, 2, 1907, at Hallow-
ell's country home in Caldwell county,
when Mrs. Hallowell was shot in the
face, threats were made to burn the
house and both of them were whipped.

The petitions allege that the out-
rage was committed to prevent them
being witnesses against the defend-
ants in the courts of Caldwell county.

The petitions continue: "They with
others in the night time between mid-
night and daylight came and with
shooting into his house and attempts
to burn said house took the plaintiff
(R. H. Hallowell) prisoner and whipped
him and put him in great fear, and
did greatly damage plaintiff's
house and made it necessary to flee
the country to save the lives of him-
self and family and to lose and sacri-
fice all his property."

Mrs. Hallowell adds they "took her
and her son from her husband and
did shoot her and throw her down
and kick her in the side."

Elwood Neel, deputy United States
marshal, is in Trigg county today
serving subpoenas and summons. It

is reported from Princeton that he at-
tended a funeral in Caldwell county
yesterday and served twenty-five.

COUNTY UNIT BILL BURIED FOR GOOD IN STATE SENATE

Frankfort, Ky., March 5. (Special.)
—The senate agreed by a vote of 22
to 13 to change the rules today, mak-
ing it necessary to have a two-thirds
vote to suspend the rules and call up
a bill. This buried the county unit
bill, it is believed, and prevents its
passage this session. Burnam and
Rives made a hard fight against the
change, which was proposed by Conn
Linn, chairman of the rules commit-
tee. The change was favored by
Senator Wheeler Campbell. This ac-
tion endangers the passage of the
McChord tobacco bill. The senate
committee failed to meet to prepare
a report on the unit bill last night.

CLEARING ALLEYS

All the alleys over the city will be
cleaned thoroughly, and Street In-
spector Bell is after the persons, who
are guilty of throwing refuse into the
alleys. The board of public works
instructed Mr. Bell to get warrants,
and he will go after the persons this
week. Some of the alleys are in an
unsanitary condition, but in the
spring cleaning all will be cleaned
and kept clean during the summer
months.

ST. LOUIS BLACKHAND

St. Louis, March 5.—Chief of Po-
lice Creedy received a letter today
signed "American Italian," informing
him he is to be the next victim of the
assassin's hand. Creedy considers the
matter a joke. Edward L. Loyet, a
florist, also received a threatening let-
ter, demanding \$300 on pain of death.
His wife opened the letter when Loyet
was out of the city. She was much
frightened. The police consider the
matter a joke.

PRESIDENT EARL PALMER OF PADUCAH COMMERCIAL CLUB OUTLINES POLICY

What Mistakes Will be Avoid-
ed in Future and What Work
Will be Done

President Earl Palmer, of the Com-
mercial club, in his speech last night
outlined the purposes of the organiza-
tion as follows:

"Gentlemen: You see standing be-
fore you the president of the Paducah
Commercial club, who holds that hon-
orable office through the courtesy and
by the grace of its newly elected di-
rectory.

"The purpose of this Dutch treat (I
use the term because of the fact that
each guest present has paid for the
expense of his own entertainment) is
to celebrate the election of the new
corps of directors and officers of this
club; to publicly outline a policy
which, in the judgment of the president,
should prevail in the conduct of the
affairs of the organization for the
coming year; and to enlist the interest
and the support of those club mem-
bers and of that portion of the citi-
zenship of Paducah at large, to whom
that policy may appeal.

"It is right and proper for me to
explain, that the twenty directors who
recently were chosen to preside over
the destiny of the Commercial club for
the ensuing year, were not selected
by any bureaucratic course of pro-
cedure, but that they were chosen at
a mass meeting of the club's members
and by the broadest possible applica-
tion of the principle of democratic se-
lection. After this choice had been ef-
fected, the directory met and elected
its own members, the executive
officers of the club, among whom
was its president. Whether in mak-
ing their choice of the present incum-
ber of that important office, the di-
rectors acted wisely or unwisely, re-
mains for the future to determine.

I shall not engage in any argument
along the line of self-depreciation, be-
cause my short-comings are already
well known to many of you and will,
doubtless, be apparent to all before
my term of service has expired. Suffi-
ce to say, I did not seek the office

and when the honor was tendered to
me, I accepted it with much misgiv-
ing and with great reluctance, because
I fully realized that the affairs of
this organization were in a critical
condition and that much time, thought
and effort would be demanded to
properly reorganize the Commercial
club and to develop it, and through it,
a force, which will ultimately be re-
cognized as an important factor in the
commercial life of our city.

In nearly all of the cities of this
country, there are general organiza-
tions composed of business men,
which broadly represent the commer-
cial interests of those cities. These
organizations may take the forms of
boards of trade, chambers of com-
merce, business men's leagues, or
commercial clubs, as the case may be,
but under whatever name, they have
a common object; and that is, the
promotion of the welfare of the citi-
zens by whom they are sustained and
of the cities in which they are located.
It is, therefore, not unreasonable on
the part of the progressive citizens of
Paducah to endeavor to maintain
such an organization in their home
city, but, on the other hand, did they
not make such an endeavor, it might
be argued with propriety, that the
business men of Paducah were less
alive to the importance of protecting
and promoting local interests, than
are the business men of other com-
munities. I include in the term
"business men" not only those who
may be engaged in commercial enter-
prises, but also those engaged in pro-
fessional and industrial callings and

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Ready for Sidewalk Work.

City Engineer Washington has the
plans and specifications ready for
Contractor Katterjohn to lay the side-
walks on Ohio street from Third
street to Thirteenth street, Tennessee
street from Third street to Twelfth
street, Eighth street from Washing-
ton street to Tennessee street and
Farley Place, in Mechanicsburg. The
contractor will begin work on the
pavements as soon as the ground
settles from the winter freezes.

DOLLAR DINNER IS ENJOYED BY SIXTY AT PALMER HOUSE

Elegant Repast and Excellent
Speeches in Behalf of
Paducah.

Citizens Enlist in the Common
Cause for Their City.

ALL JOIN COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Sixty business men enjoyed the
Dollar Dinner last night at the Palmer
House and every one either re-enlist-
ed in the Commercial club or became
a recruit. The plans and policies of
the rejuvenated organization were
outlined in an address by President
Palmer, who presided, and which is
published in full elsewhere.

The guests filed into the banquet
room on the first floor at 8:30. The
tables were cleverly arranged so that
the guests were massed together to
the best advantage for hearing the
speeches without being in the least
confronted. Mine Host Mr. Stuart Sin-
not and his able corps did them-
selves proud on this occasion.

The following menu was discussed
before a season of wit and wisdom
was enjoyed:

MENU.
Consomme. Queen Olives.
Celery. Baked Halibut, Shrimp Sauce.
Pommes, Duchess.
Chicken Croquettes with Peas.
Potatoes in Cream.
Tomato Fricassee. Ice Cream. Cake.
Rougette Cheese.
Coffee.

The Toasts.
With the coffee and cigars Presi-
dent Palmer rapped for order and

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BRACKEN COUNTY TOBACCO BURNED ALONG ROADSIDE

Newport, Ky., March 5. (Special.)
—Night riders visited the home of
John Hall, Bracken county, and rolled
4,000 pounds of tobacco out on the
road and burned it in plain view of
the neighbors.

NO WAGE CUT

Supt. W. J. Hills, of the N. C. &
St. L. railroad, received word today
that the order reducing wages has
been rescinded and all salaries remain
as at present.

INTERURBAN BONDS

Funds for the construction of the
interurban railroad from Paducah to
Mayfield will be had in the early
spring, according to the report of the
brokers to Mr. H. H. Loving, who re-
turned last night from New York.
Mr. Loving carried the surveys, re-
port and the recommendations of the
engineers, who surveyed the routes
for the road. The bonds will be float-
ed in a short time, and the money
for the construction secured. Every
detail has been arranged satisfactorily
and the report of the engineers was
especially satisfactory on the report
of the earning capacity of the road.
Mr. Loving was in Pittsburg, New
York and Washington.

WEATHER.



CLOUDY

Cloudy and unsettled with showers
tonight. Friday continued warm.
Highest temperature yesterday, 62;
lowest today, 46.

Collinwood School Horror Made Worse, Because Inward-opening Door Was Closed by Little Bodies.

Piled High Against the Front
Entrance, Dismembered and
Trampled and Burned Be-
yond Recognition.

Cleveland, O., March 5.—Collin-
wood will bury her dead in one great
funeral, probably Friday. A general
fund will pay the burial cost. One
field will hold all the bodies. One
great monument will mark the spot.
Unless private funerals are desired all
bodies will be dug in a spot bought
by the town. No other bodies will
ever be buried in the plot.

One hundred and sixty-two bodies
are recovered. This accounts for all
the missing, according to city authori-
ties. Thirty dead probably won't be
identified, the bodies are so badly
burned. Collinwood board of trade
appropriated \$5,000 and the town
contributed \$5,000 to aid in burying
the dead. Each body was tagged in the
mortuary with all details known, so
that identification is made as easy as
possible.

Today's dispatch tells the story:
Death in one of its most terrible
forms claimed between 160 and 170
school children of North Collinwood
school in Collinwood, an eastern sub-
urb, when the building, catching fire
from a defective furnace in the base-
ment, was wrecked in half an hour.

Inadequate Protection.
The building being inadequately
protected by fire escapes, the children
were unable to make their way to the
lower floors in time to escape the
flames as they shot up from the base-
ment and cut off egress. Starting
about 9:30 yesterday morning in the
basement from an overheated furnace
the fire gained tremendous headway
before its presence was noted.

Fire Drill Failed.
Fire drill was inaugurated at once
and those on the lower floors quickly
moved out of the building. But when
the panic stricken little ones in the
upper rooms attempted to make their
way to the stairway the door became
jammed and few were able to extri-
cate themselves and they perished al-
most within the reach of safety.

Various Statements.
Various and unconfirmed state-
ments are made as to the cause of
the fire and also that the doors had
been locked at the front entrance,
while but one door of the rear entry
was unfastened. The janitor, Fritz
Herter, himself bereaved of three
children, says the doors were open,
according to custom. At any rate the
congestion of fleeing children in the
hallway below effectually barred the
way, and the little ones went to their
death totally unable to evade the
flames.

Within three hours after the start
of the fire it had burned itself out
and the work of recovering the bodies
proceeded.

Was Overcrowded.
The school was a two story and
attic brick building and so overcrowd-
ed with pupils that it was necessary
to utilize the attic for some of the
ages of six to eight. Nearly all of the
children were killed in a mass at the
first floor door, which finally was
opened by men from the Lake Shore
railway shops who hurried to the
scene. A wall of flame had formed
across and most of the children were
dead by the time the doors swung
open.

Janitor Tells Story.
Janitor Herter told of discovering
the fire, turning in an alarm and then
ran to open the front and rear doors.
He said: "I cannot remember what
happened next, except that I saw
flames shooting all about and chil-
dren running down through them
screaming. I saw little Helen among
them. I tried to pull her out, but the
flames drove me back. I had to leave
my little child to die."

Was Badly Burned.
Herter was badly burned about the
head.

Miss Catherine Weiler, one of the
teachers, lost her life in a vain effort
to marshal the pupils of her class and
lead them to safety. She marched
the little ones into the hall on the
second floor, in good order, but as
soon as they saw the smoke the chil-
dren became panic stricken and in
their frenzy plunged into a struggling
mass ahead of them. Miss Weiler at-
tempted to stem the rush, but went
down under it and her body was
found an hour later piled high with
those of her pupils. Miss Fish, an-
other teacher, was taken out alive,
but cannot live.

Rescue Begins.
Burning through the supports of
the first floor, the flames passed up-
ward, and all three floors crashed into
a smoldering pile in the basement.
The work of rescuing the bodies im-

mediately begun by firemen and rail-
road employees from the Lake Shore
shops.

Railroad Lends Building.
The railroad company turned over
one of its buildings nearby to be used
as a temporary morgue, and thither
the charred and broken little bodies
were removed as fast as they could
be dug from the ruins. Within a few
hours practically all had been recov-
ered and were placed in rows. Identifi-
cations were made only by means
of clothing or trinkets. The fire had
swept away nearly all resemblance to
human features in a majority of in-
stances. Distracted parents soon be-
gan to gather and the work of identi-
fication of the blackened and mangled
corpses began.

Grotesque Task.
The gruesome task of taking out
the blackened corpses and bits of
human remains was one of horror.
A line of rescuers was soon formed,
backed by half a dozen ambulances.
As the bodies were untangled from
the debris they were passed along to
stretchers and thence loaded into the
ambulances. Mercifully covered with
blankets, the pitiful sights were vel-
lows from the crowd massed about the
entrance to the structure. As fast as a
load was obtained it was driven away
to the morgue to be succeeded imme-
diately by another.

Heartrending Scenes.
Sights of the human charnel house
caused the men delving into the mass
of burned flesh to hesitate, but the
work had to be done and done quick-
ly, so their feelings were smothered
for the time being as they tenderly
handled all that was mortal of the
little ones.

At the morgue scenes became four-
fold in intensity of human suffering
as fathers, mothers, brothers and sis-
ters passed along the lines formed by
160 corpses. The first identification
was made by the mother of Nell and
Tommy Thompson, 6 and 9 years old
respectively. The heads and arms
were burned from both bodies, but the
mother recognized the shoes. And so
the disheartening work went on, ac-
centuated now and then by a piercing
shriek or plaintive moan as a loved
one was recognized.

Mother's Attempt Fails.
About the burned school house
there are but few residences. In one
of these Mrs. Clark Sprung lived.
Her little boy, Alvon, aged 7, was a
pupil. When the fire started the
mother ran over to the school and ar-
rived when the first floor was a mass
of flames. At a window on that floor
she saw the face of her boy. He recog-
nized her and pleaded for help. Run-
ning across the street Mrs. Sprung
secured a step ladder and placed it
against the window. Climbing up she
reached for her boy. She caught him
by the hair. It burned off in her
hands and the lad fell back into the
flames.

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MR. REIDHEAD GIVEN A SILVER SERVICE

According to an extract from the
Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun, a
copy of which reached this office to-
day, Mr. F. E. Reidhead, the new
manager of the Stone & Webster prop-
erties in Paducah, has won the friend-
ship of the employees of the company
at Columbus during his four years'
management. At midnight, February
29, he was summoned to the transfer
station by a telephone message, say-
ing a serious accident had occurred.
When he reached the street he found
a car awaiting him, and record time
was made to the station, where all
the employees were gathered to pre-
sent a handsome silver service to the
retiring manager.

CHILDREN DIE

Maud McIntosh, age four years,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mc-
Intosh, died at 9 o'clock this morn-
ing of whooping cough at her home
near Boaz. The funeral will be held
tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.
The burial will be at Mt. Pleasant cem-
etery, Graves county.

King Infant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King, of Elva,
Marshall county, lost by death their
six-weeks-old infant daughter late
yesterday afternoon, the cause being
whooping cough. The funeral was
held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The
burial was in Bolton cemetery, Mar-
shall county.

Little Daughter.

The one-year-old daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. W. P. Albert, of Maxon
Mills, died last night of bronchitis.
The funeral will be held tomorrow
afternoon at 2 o'clock. The burial
will be in St. Thomas Catholic church
cemetery.

BACK TAX SUITS AGAINST TOBACCO COMPANIES FILED

Auditor's Agent Emery Seeks
to Recover on More Than
Two Million Dollars.

American Snuff Company Down
for \$500,000.

NONE OF THEM HAVE ESCAPED

Six more suits for back taxes on
\$2,250,000 have been filed against
tobacco dealers in this city. The com-
panies sued are the Western District
Warehouse company, W. T. Grant &
company, the English buyers; M. M.
Tucker & company, independent deal-
ers; Stahl & company, Italian buyers;
E. J. O'Brien & company and the
American Snuff company.

The suits were all brought by Magis-
trate C. W. Emery, auditor's agent
for this county.
The revenue agent claims that the
Western District company should pay
taxes on \$50,000 worth of tobacco
stored with it in the years 1904, 1905,
1906 and 1907, making a total of
\$200,000.

Grant & company are sued for
taxes on \$50,000 worth of tobacco
handled in 1907.

Stahl & company are sued for taxes
on \$100,000 for the years 1904 and
1905, \$150,000 in 1906 and \$350,000
in 1907, making a total of \$700,000.

M. M. Tucker & company are sued
for the taxes on \$50,000 worth of to-
bacco handled during the years 1905
and 1906, and \$100,000 for 1907,
making a total of \$200,000.

E. J. O'Brien is sued on \$50,000
worth of tobacco owned during the
years 1906 and 1907.

The American Snuff company,
which is the largest dealer involved,
is sued for the taxes on \$500,000
worth of tobacco owned during the
years 1906 and 1907.

It is understood that the foreign
buyers will contend that they handle
tobacco only in transit and should not
be required to pay taxes.

The sheriff has not been able to
serve summons on the American To-
bacco company in the suit brought by
State Revenue Agent A. E. Hopkins,
of Louisville, to collect taxes on \$3-
500,000 worth of property owned by
that company during the past five
years. The officials of the county
think that some mistake has been
made in filing the suits here, as the
American has never bought tobacco
at this market except possibly through
an occasional order given brokers.
The tobacco grown in this district is
not suited to the manufacture of to-
bacco for domestic consumption, but
the demand for it is mainly by the
foreign buyer, as the tobacco grown
in the "Black Patch" is the best for
export trade, being of a fibre that will
stand the long voyage across the
ocean without damage.

JAPS SEEKING WAR WITH CHINA AGAIN ENGLAND THINKS

London, March 5.—War is unques-
tionably imminent between China and
Japan. The English government offi-
cials until lately believed the squab-
ble between the nations meant nothing
serious. High officials unofficially
admit that appearances indicate that
apan is trying to force a quarrel,
the Chinese seized a Japanese vessel,
which carried contraband.

Hobson's View.
Washington, March 5.—Congress-
man Hobson, a recognized authority
in congress on oriental questions, to-
day said he was not surprised when
told of Japan's reported threat of war
against China. He said Japan is
ready for an invasion, having organ-
ized six divisions of cavalry and has
secured the aid of several European
nations in regard to a partition of
China.

No Reduction.
Tokio, March 5.—Chinese office
heading off Japan's protests has
promised the release of the steamer
Tatsu Maru held on suspicion of
smuggling arms. There are no altera-
tions in the military schemes of the
government provided for in dubet,
which has now passed both houses.

Grain Market.

St. Louis, Mo., March 5.—Wheat,
\$1.03; corn, 61½; oats, 56.